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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. New claims 2 and 3 have been added. Claims 1-3 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested.

Amendments

Changes have been made to the specification. The word "foreknown" has been replaced with "predicted," and "foreknowing" has been replaced with "prediction." In addition, claim 1 has also been amended to reflect this change. In addition, the word "electric" has been amended to claim 1 to modify the word "motor." Support for this may be found, for example, at page 9, line 23.

New claims 2 and 3 have been added. Support for new claims may be found in Figs. 2 and 3, as well as the accompanying text on p. 6 line 22 through p.9 line 7.

35 U.S.C. 112 rejection

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have replaced the term "foreknown" with the synonym "predicted," thereby rendering the claim definite.

35 U.S.C. 102 rejection

The Examiner further rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fohl (US 4,109,881). Claim 1 requires "an electric motor," therefore the rejection is moot, since Fohl uses a mechanical spring. New claims 2 and 3 also require "an electric motor" and are also thus patentable over the cited art.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, early issuance of a notice of allowance is solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165 at (612) 455-3802.

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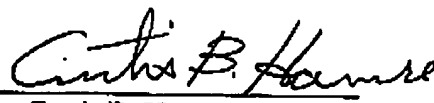
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